

FOCUS GROUP MEETING

April 2, 2012

PRESENT: Director Craig Burr, Director Mike Mayer, Administrators Jim Hudspeth and Kirk Moncrief, Veronica Barry, Stephanie Depaoli, Gloria Limb, Donald Lewis, Jennifer Bartell, Holly Zink, Julie Breckenridge, Vicky Westmoreland, Chris Rebstock, Lilas Park, Paul Sames, Roy Droddy, Molly Prince, Cindy Coates – Recorder

Craig welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Craig informed everyone about the newsletter that was distributed. He explained that the information in the newsletter was a few happens at the Department of Corrections.

Special Guests

Craig introduced Mike Mayer, *Director of Adult, Probation and Parole (AP&P)*, Jim Hudspeth and Kirk Moncrief, *AP&P Administrators*

Mike asked if anyone had any questions for him.

Veronica Barry asked about the agent's case load and why the number of parolees was so high for each agent. Mike assured her that the numbers had dropped from the time he became an agent 18 years ago, when he had case loads of 85 parolees at one time. Mike stated that the case loads now are between 60-70 parolees. He commented that it has been and continues to be a concern in AP&P.

Jim Hudspeth commented that agents who supervise sex offenders have case loads of 50-60. He stated that more case load planning is being done. A case plan will give the offender tools to succeed.

Craig explained how the motivational interviewing training helps with the skills needed to prepare the case plans for offenders. Agents have the opportunity to attend Motivational Interviewing training. This training can give the agent the tools and knowledge to council the offender to better themselves and learn new skills on how to change behavior.

Holly Zink asked how the offender is involved in their case plan.

Craig explained how the motivational interviewing helps the agent to know how to get the offender involved and to express what ideas they have and want for their plan. The agents want the offender to come up with ideas on their own.

Jim mentioned that case plan is a six month process because it is so goal focused.

Molly Prince asked why sex offenders can't live together.

Jim commented that each parolee is looked at a case by case basis. There are several ideas taken into consideration when finding housing for sex offenders. The

area has to be looked at. Many sex offenders cannot live by parks or schools. The landlords have to be willing to work with the offenders. It is a balancing act. We have to watch for the clustering effect. Jim added, we do have some apartments with 4-6 offenders living in the complex.

Craig state the Research and Planning team is almost ready with the results from the Conquest, Excell and HOPE programming. These results will give an accurate account of the numbers of offender's returning or not returning to prison.

Jennifer Bartell from the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole was asked what the board considers at the time of an offenders release or board hearing. Jennifer explained the board looks at what crime the offender has committed and if the offender has carried out the sentence. The expectation of the crime is also reviewed and also if the offender is a sex offender. Jennifer explained how the sensitivity of the community is also considered and if the offenders' performance in the institution outweighs the risk or the crime.

Molly Prince asked if an offender can parole to a shelter.

Mike informed everyone that shelters are discouraged for any offender.

Craig commented that on an offender's parole date they have to have a place of residence. If the offender does not have a residence they do go back to the Board of Pardons and Parole. Offenders do not parole to homeless shelters.

Donald Lewis commented how he receives respect from his AP&P agent. He feels he is treated professionally and can see a change in AP& P since being on parole. Donald explained when he has an appointment his agent keeps it and is on time. He expressed thanks to those who are making a difference in his life.

Mike Mayer thanked Donald and expressed to everyone that is where the evidence base training is being used successfully. We focus on professionalism.

Chris Rebstock expressed how this was his 4th meeting. Chris acknowledged the opportunity it is for him to attend the Focus meetings and have discussion of different topics. This is a win – win situation for everyone.

Craig thanked Chris for his comment and then proceeded to read the vision statement. Craig said the Department of Corrections likes to reflect the statements in the Vision Statement. If a program is not working we find one that will.

Craig explained the non-lapsing funds. We are doubling the HOPE substance abuse program at Central Utah Correctional Facility. There will also be money to add contract therapists to the SOTP program and also continual care for parolees.

Craig thanked Mike, Jim and Kirk for attending.

Meeting adjourned.

FOCUS Newsletter

Friday, 2 April 2010

Office of Institutional Services

Parole & Probation

Division of Adult Probation & Parole

The Utah Department of Corrections (UDC) staff want to know:

What is our level of excellence? We always want to be progressing ... moving forward ... achieving more ... developing our areas of responsibilities ... striving to increase the level of trust in all of our relationships and ... never being satisfied with the status quo.

Something which we think is impossible now is not impossible in another decade.

~ Constance Baker Motley

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To Our FOCUS Group Participants

We appreciate your investment of time in this meeting and want to know how we can make it more valuable to you.

Craig Burr, Director, Programming Division

If you don't like something, change it.
If you can't change it, change your attitude.

Maya Angelou

The Utah Department of Corrections invites you to participate in FOCUS.

Quarterly focus group meetings are designed to encourage community involvement in offender success.

Meetings take place at Adult Probation and Parole's Region Three office, 30 West Fremont Ave. (1100 South) in Salt Lake City. We meet in the conference room to the right of the main doors.

Next Meeting: 9 July 2012 - 6:00 PM

Guest Speakers

Tonight's guest speakers are Division of Adult Probation & Parole (field services) Director Mike Mayer and Regional Administrators Jim Hudspeth (Salt Lake/Summit Counties) and Kirk Moncrief. (Garfield, Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, Utah, Wasatch and Wayne (1/2) Counties). This forum is not intended to FOCUS solely on probation and parole supervision issues. If you have an interest in learning more about Programming and Utah Correctional Industries, we can talk about those areas too. Last quarter we focused on Institutional (prison) Operations.

Who or What is "CCJJ"?

The 1983 legislature created the **Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice**. The Commission is comprised of criminal justice leaders throughout Utah. The Commission was created to 1) Promote broad philosophical agreement concerning the objectives of the criminal justice system in Utah, 2) Provide a mechanism for coordinating the functions of various branches and levels of government concerned with criminal and juvenile justice and 3) Coordinate statewide efforts to reduce crime and victimization in Utah. Find out more about CCJJ at <http://justice.utah.gov>. We work closely with CCJJ on treatment, sentencing and supervision issues.



Our Employment Agent Team

Employment is a significant factor of offender success. This team can help!

Jeff Wilson, Supervisor

John Kelly, Ogden

Brandon Smalling, Farmington

Robert Eckman, Salt Lake

Arnold Hansen, Salt Lake

Matt Landolfini, Salt Lake

Damon Purcell, Provo

STATEWIDE VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

UDC Volunteer Services Office, Lt. Jeff Kohler, Utah State Prison - Draper site, 1-801-576-7817 (and partner-coordinator with Northern Region and Region 3).

UDC Volunteer Services Office, Lt. Vaun Christensen, Central Utah Correctional Facility - Gunnison site, 1-435-528-6675 (and partner-coordinator with Regions 4, 5 and 6).

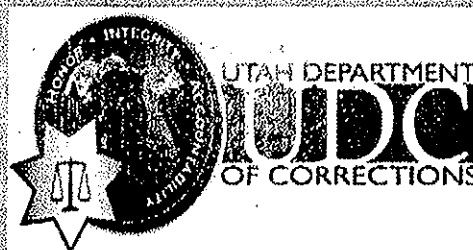
AP&P Northern Region Coordinator: Kathy Galbraith, 801-626-3718. Ben Alton, Cache, Davis, Morgan, Rich, Tooele and Weber.

AP&P Region 3 Coordinator: Geraldine Schmidt, 801-239-2132, Salt Lake and Summit.

AP&P Region 4 Coordinator: Jackie Pino, 801-374-7661, Garfield, Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, Utah, Wasatch and Wayne (1/2).

AP&P Region 5 Coordinator: Denise Fullerton and/or Wylene Ika, 435-634-2801, Beaver, Iron, Kane and Washington.

AP&P Region 6 Coordinator: Richard Laursen, 435-636-2800, Carbon, Daguerre, Duchesne, Emery, Grand, San Juan, Uintah and Wayne (1/2).



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- Be at least 18 years old to be a Volunteer with UDC
- Pass a background check which includes:
 - Arrest Record Check
 - Reference Check
- Have no pending criminal charges and not be under the supervision of the DOC, a court or Board of Pardons and Parole
- Free of prior criminal convictions (exceptions may be considered on a case by case basis)
- Agree to comply with Policies and Procedures
- Have no conflict of interest for the volunteer, the Department of Corrections or any individual being served by the Department
- Complete Volunteer Orientation and yearly refresher training

FOCUS Meeting Dates for the next year:

2 April 2012 – 6:00 PM

9 July 2012 – 6:00 PM

1 October 2012 – 6:00 PM

7 January 2013 – 6:00 PM

Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.

~ Leo Tolstoy

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Your Feedback is Important

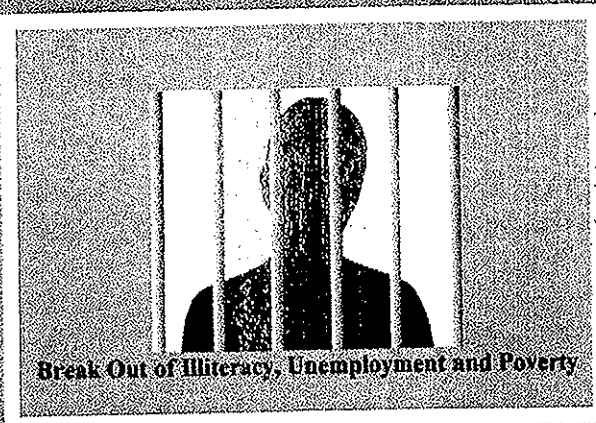
Set your goals high, and don't stop till you get there. ~ Bo Jackson

We have noticed something WONDERFUL. Our FOCUS partners have been e-mailing us with both compliments and concerns.

We like to hear when we do a good job and we share that with the person or unit you specify. Each of us appreciates the kudos you offer as we often don't get to see the continued positive outcomes as your agency connects with transitioning offenders, your loved ones are released to your homes and offenders return to the title "citizen".

We also like to know where we can do better. We have heard from you when our website or rules need clarification, when you are concerned about bulletin board information, when procedures need better explanation or when you have suggestions for us. Specific concerns are addressed with the Director or Bureau Chief over the person or unit you identify.

You DO make a difference and you are important to us. Thank you for participating in FOCUS.



TABE

Have you wondered how to interpret TABE scores? TABE is a literacy test utilized by State Education.

TABE Scores: (Adult Basic Education Test)

- ABE 1 - 0 - 1.9 - means less than 2nd grade level
- ABE 2 - 2 - 2.9 - means less than 3rd grade level
- ABE 3 - 3 - 5.9 - means less than 6th grade level
- ABE 4 - 6 - 8.9 - means less than 9th grade level

Adult High

- ACH 1 - 9 - 10.9 means less than 11th grade level
- ACH 1 - 11 - 12.9 - means high school to college level

The entire local community is engaged in the education and growth of an offender as s/he moves toward independence from the criminal justice system.

Acknowledge others' concerns and try not to minimize their feelings. People FOCUS on what is important to them and how it affects them directly.

Martene Mackie, Supervisor

Brett Butler, Agent	Northern Utah Region (Ogden)
Kurt Jarman, Agent	Northern Utah Region (Ogden)
Steve Boban, Agent	Northern Utah Region (Farmington)
Cathy Gunderson, Agent	Northern Utah Region (Farmington)
Antoinette Aiono, Agent	Region 3 (Salt Lake)
Jason Behunin, Agent	Region 3 (Salt Lake)
Tim Green, Agent	Region 3 (Salt Lake)
Betty Jo Tripp, Agent	Region 3 (Salt Lake)
Reyna Cameron, Agent	Region 4 (Provo)
Rachel Willmore, Agent	Region 4 (Provo)

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DORA: Drug Offender Reform Act. Our agents work in tandem with the offender and treatment provider.

Next Quarter FOCUS: Legislative Update

We'll review offender-related bills affecting the Utah Department of Corrections